

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1014

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to recognize Charlotte M. Britton, Director of Schools for the Hawkins County Board of Education, on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte M. Britton is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for seven years as Director of Schools for the Hawkins County Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Britton will be taking a much deserved retirement this year, capping an incredible forty-one-year career in education; and

WHEREAS, after earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Education at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville (UTK), Charlotte Britton attended Memphis State University, from which she earned a Master of Science degree in Education with an emphasis in early childhood. She also completed forty-five hours of postgraduate work beyond her master's degree at UTK and Cumberland University; and

WHEREAS, she embarked upon her sterling career as an educator in 1973, when she served as a kindergarten teacher at Surgoinsville Elementary School. Between 1974 and 1978, Mrs. Britton served as a kindergarten teacher at Stafford Elementary in Memphis before returning to teach kindergarten at Surgoinsville Elementary; and

WHEREAS, teaching kindergarten at Surgoinsville Elementary until 1990, Charlotte Britton then became the Title I District Consulting Teacher for the Hawkins County Board of Education. She ascended to Title I Supervisor in 1995 and became the Federal Programs Director, Title I Director, and System Testing Coordinator for the Hawkins County Board of

Education in 2003, serving with acumen and alacrity until 2007, when she was named as the Hawkins County Board of Education's Director of Schools; and

WHEREAS, as Director of Schools, Mrs. Britton oversees a school system which has an enrollment of more than seven thousand students in eighteen schools and an Alternative Education School; and

WHEREAS, she has been an active and important part of numerous professional organizations, including serving as a member and former Chairman of the First District Northeast Tennessee Superintendents' Study Council; as a member and former President of the Tennessee Supervisors' Association; a former member and President of the First District Tennessee Supervisors' Association; a former member, Secretary, and President of the Alpha Iota Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma; and a member of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the Tennessee Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the American Association of School Administrators, the American Society of Quality Training, the Tennessee Association of Secondary School Administrators, and the Tennessee School Boards Association; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Britton also contributed her time and numerous talents towards developing and advancing education, participating in the National Conference on Education American Association of School Administrators, the National Quality in Education Conference, the National Model Schools Conference, numerous training and evaluation programs, and numerous days of training in the Tennessee Executive Development Program for Public School Leaders; and

WHEREAS, she contributes to the growth and health of her community through participation in a number of organizations which serve Hawkins County and East Tennessee, including serving on the boards of directors for the Rogersville/Hawkins County Chamber of Commerce and the Hawkins County Health Council, serving as a member and elder of the Rogersville Presbyterian Church, standing on East Tennessee State University's steering committee for "Team Up for Healthy Living," and serving as the President of the Hawkins County University of Tennessee Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Charlotte Britton was named the First District Northeast Tennessee Superintendent of the Year in 2012-2013, was honored as the Tennessee Supervisor of the Year and the First District Northeast Tennessee Supervisor of the Year in 2006, garnered four consecutive Tennessee's Best School System Employee Appreciation Awards (2009-2012), and was recognized by the Rogersville/Hawkins County Chamber of Commerce in 2010 for her work in improving the school system; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Britton exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean. She is perhaps most appreciative of the love and support she shares with her husband, Dr. David Britton, their two daughters and sons-in-law, Jennifer and Kevin Keeton and Amy and Lance Jeffers, and their grandson, Landon Jeffers; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Charlotte Britton demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and congratulate Charlotte M. Britton on the occasion of her retirement, extending our deepest gratitude for her many years of service to the children of Tennessee and applauding her many contributions to the Hawkins County School System.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.